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IAC meeting to consider the NIS Program.

1. In reference to your memorandum to me of 20 April 1948, I feel that the only specific points which need be resolved at an early IAC meeting are:

- a) determination of target date for the completion of those NIS having JCS priorities;
- b) the additional funds (not presently available to the several IAC Agencies) required to implement the resulting NIS Program.

The determination of these two points would form the basis for the IAC recommendations to the NSC. These should be couched in terms clearly indicating the vital importance of the NIS Program to a well-rounded National Intelligence Plan, and the urgent need for its earliest implementation.

2. It is suggested that the memorandum which you send out for the IAC meeting include the request that the members come to this meeting with their estimates of the additional non-available funds required to complete the NIS Program by the target date recommended by the Ad Hoc committee. The meeting itself can then be devoted to an examination of these estimates to determine the feasibility of the recommended target date, or the substitution of an acceptable target date in the event that the estimated cost of the former is considered too large. The Navy vs. Air Force controversy is a ramification of a much broader issue which cannot readily be resolved on the IAC level. It is not important to the NIS Program, and should not be included on the agenda.

3. It is believed that the Intelligence Agencies of Army and Navy have already determined the additional funds which they will need to fulfill their requirements under the recommended NIS Program. Following a meeting on 19 April, representatives of OIR indicated they would undertake forthwith a survey to determine what additional funds they would need. It is not anticipated that the Air Force will require any appreciable additional funds in view of their relatively light commitment under the NIS Program. Three non-IAC Agencies, Agriculture, Interior, and Commerce, are presently examining their requirements with OIR, which will probably indicate the need for additional funds to produce assigned sections of NIS Chapter VI (Economic). It would be desirable to have these estimates made available to the IAC members at their meeting. I have indicated this to Mr. Evans, OIR, who has assured me he will attempt to complete these discussions as soon as possible.

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